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IN RE APPLICATION OF
BLAIR ET AL.

Examiner: Myron G. Hill
Group Art Unit: 1648

APPLICATION NO: 09/876,680

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FOR: HIV-1 REPORTER VIRUSES AND THEIR USE IN ASSAYING
ANTI-VIRAL COMPOUNDS

MAIL STOP: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005. A Petition for a One Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due on or before April 13, 2006 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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